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AUDITOR CHARLES E. WALDER HELPS JUVENILE COURT VENDORS

CHARDON, OHIO – February 22, 2022 – Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder is here to help vendors of the Geauga County Juvenile Probate Court after learning that some may have been misled by the court as to the status of their bills.

"We have been informed that court vendors may have been incorrectly told that their bills are being held up by the Auditor's Office," Auditor Walder said. "That is not the case."

In fact, many of the bills were not sent by the court to the Auditor's Office for processing until February 10, 2022. Some of the bills were many months old.

"Unfortunately, misleading these vendors—many of which are attorneys—may be intentional and politically motivated," Auditor Walder said. "Please do not let yourself be victimized; my staff is happy to help check the status of your bill."

The Auditor's Office is available to Geauga County vendors receiving public funds—including vendors of the juvenile court.

"We encourage court vendors to reach out to us for status updates," Auditor Walder said. "We are here to help you, and together we will continue to fight against public corruption in Geauga County."

For more information, please contact <u>auditor@co.geauga.oh.us</u>.

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